

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Apparatus for blocking a medium flow passage in a spray head, said apparatus comprising a blocking element (1), ~~such as a burst disk~~; arranged in the passage and, when unbroken, blocking the passage of medium flow from a first side of the blocking element to a second side of the blocking element, on the first side of which blocking element a first pressure(p_1) prevails in the passage (2) while on the second side a second pressure (p_2) prevails in the passage (3), said blocking element (1) being arranged to be ruptured so that a medium flow passage is formed through the blocking element ~~when the by a~~ pressure difference between the first and the second sides of the blocking element ~~reaches of~~ a preset value, characterized in that ~~it~~ the apparatus comprises a supporting element (4) ~~provided~~ at least on ~~that~~the second side of the blocking element where the pressure of the medium is lower at least just before the instant of rupture of the blocking element, which supporting element can be moved between ~~at least two positions~~; a first position where the supporting element supports the blocking element (1) so that the blocking element cannot be ruptured even if the pressure difference in the passage between the first and the second sides of the blocking element is greater than the preset value, and a second position where the supporting element does not support the blocking element.

2. (original) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the ap- paratus comprises means (5,6) for locking the supporting element (4) in the first position.

3. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the apparatus comprises means (5) for releasing the supporting element (4) from the first position.
4. (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 2, characterized in that the means for locking and/or releasing the supporting element (4) comprise a heat sensitive element (5).
5. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the apparatus is arranged in the flow passage of a fire extinguishing medium.
6. (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the apparatus is arranged in a spray head, especially a sprinkler head.
7. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the supporting element (4) is a piston element.
8. (original) Spray head provided with an apparatus according to claim 1.
9. (new) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the blocking element is a burst disk.
10. (new) Apparatus according to claim 3, characterized in that the means for locking and/or releasing the supporting element (4) comprise a heat sensitive element (5).